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E-File

Honorable Anne Quinlan
Acting Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W., Room 1116
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: STB Docket No. AB-6 (Sub-No. 445X), BNSF Railway Company –
Abandonment Exemption – In Cascade County, Montana

Dear Acting Secretary Quinlan:

On September 19, 2006, BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) filed a Notice of Exemption to abandon the 1.67-mile railroad line that extends between milepost 194.61 and milepost 196.28, near Great Falls, in Cascade County, Montana. The line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Code 59401.

By decision served October 6, 2006, the Surface Transportation Board (STB) granted the exemption authority to abandon effective November 8, 2006. Within that same decision, the STB stated that the abandonment is to be consummated by October 6, 2007. By decision served October 2, 2008, the STB granted an extension of the consummation date until October 6, 2009.

BNSF is still trying to resolve an outstanding historical condition. Accordingly, BNSF is requesting an extension of the consummation deadline until October 6, 2010.

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If you have any questions, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karl Morell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first and last names being more prominent than the middle name.

Karl Morell
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